
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ENACT
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MEASURES.

1 WHEREAS, based on the October 2005 median home price in the
2 City and County of Honolulu, the average property tax bill
3 increased over thirty per cent from 2004; and
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5 WHEREAS, since 2001, using the same median home prices, the
6 average property tax bill in the City and County of Honolulu has
7 increased by over one hundred and three per cent; and
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9 WHEREAS, this year, over 5,300 people are challenging the
10 City and County of Honolulu's value assessment on their homes,
11 approximately a twenty-seven percent increase over the number of
12 challengers in 2005; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current homeowner exemption stands at \$40,000,
15 while the October 2005 median home price for the City and County
16 of Honolulu stood at \$620,000; and
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18 WHEREAS, home prices are continuing to rise in the booming
19 real estate market; and
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21 WHEREAS, an undertaking to only fund projects that the city
22 and county can afford to construct and maintain is a good start,
23 a serious review of services that the City and County of
24 Honolulu provides may also lead to budgetary savings; and
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26 WHEREAS, discussions between the City and County of
27 Honolulu and the State dealing with consolidation of certain
28 services, which could lead to net savings on both parts, appear
29 to have stalled; and
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1 WHEREAS, failure to address the increasing expenses and the
2 massive debt of the City and County of Honolulu will lead to
3 even higher property taxes; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2006, that this body requests the City Council and the Mayor
8 of the City and County of Honolulu to enact some form of
9 property tax relief for the citizens of the City and County of
10 Honolulu; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and each member of the
14 City Council of the City and County of Honolulu.
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